



**NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION, INC.
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Basic Rules and Information
Concerning New Jersey FFA Creed Career Development Event

The purpose of this event was developed to help students gain competencies needed in public speaking and/or salesmanship. This event also assists in students in meeting the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards in the Visual and Performing arts and the Language Arts Literacy areas. This event is open to *first year FFA members (dues paid 8th graders or freshman) who are completing one year of agricultural education during the current calendar year.*

Rules

1. The event will include both an oral presentation as well as answering questions directly related to the Creed.
2. Members will present the FFA Creed from the current year's Official FFA Manual.
3. The event will be a timed activity with four (4) minutes for presentation. After four (4) minutes, the contestant will be deducted 1 point for every second over the set time.
4. The event will include oral questions. There will be a maximum of three questions per contestant with a time limit of five (5) minutes.
5. All contestants must have participated and placed in the top two at the preliminary events held at state convention.
6. The speaking order will be randomly determined by event officials. The event coordinator shall introduce each participant by the contestant's name and chapter.
7. Each contestant must recite the FFA Creed from memory. Each contestant shall begin the presentation by stating, **"The FFA Creed by E. M Tiffany."** Each contestant shall end the presentation with the statement, **"...that inspiring task. Thank you."**
If the candidate does not follow this format when beginning and concluding the FFA Creed, he/she will be disqualified!
8. Contestants will be held in isolation until his/her presentation. Contestant will not be allowed to have contact from any outside persons.
9. Three competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the event. At least one judge should have an agricultural background.
10. At the time of the event, the judges will be seated in different sections of the room in which the event is held. They will score each participant on the delivery of the Creed and by the ability of the contestant to answer questions about the creed, using the score sheets provided.

11. A timekeeper shall be seated in a designated area in the room. This individual will record the time for each contestant.
12. A content accuracy person will record the number of recitation errors made during delivery.
13. When all participants have finished speaking, each judge will ask questions that will not last more than 5 minutes in length. The questions should be one part questions. Then, the judges= will total the score of each speaker. The timekeeper and content accuracy people will be used in computing the final score for each participant. The judges= score sheets will then be submitted to the event officials to determine final rankings of participants.
14. Participants shall be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge without consultation. The judges= ranking of each participant then shall be added, and the winner will be that participant with the highest score.
15. No props are to be used. Applause shall be withheld until all participants have spoken.
16. All contestants must **wear Official FFA Dress** according to the Official Manual.
17. No more than two contestants from one chapter may compete in the preliminary and state level event.

TIE BREAKER

Ties for first will be broken by total net scores and then by the score for answer to the questions.

AWARD RECOGNITION

State Event:

1st Place-\$50.00, plaque, and pin

2nd Place-\$40.00, and pin

3rd Place-\$30.00, and pin

**NEW JERSEY FFA CREED EVENT
JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET**

Judge: _____

PART I - DELIVERY	POINTS ALLOWED	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Voice	200						
2. Stage Presence	200						
3. Power of Expression	200						
4. General Effect	100						
<i>TOTAL PART I</i>	700						

PART II - QUESTIONS	POINTS ALLOWED	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Ability to answer questions asked by judges	300						
TOTAL PART II							

PART III - TIME	POINTS ALLOWED	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Pauses over one minute in Delivery of Creed	Disqualified						
2. Time 4 minutes or less	(1 pt. per second over)						
<i>TOTAL PART III</i>							

PART IV - ACCURACY	POINTS ALLOWED	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Skipping words	(-20 per word)						
2. Incorrect words	(-20 per word)						
<i>TOTAL PART IV</i>							

TOTAL PART I	700						
TOTAL PART II	300						
TOTAL PART III							
TOTAL PART IV							
GRAND TOTAL	1000						
FINAL PLACING							